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Season and Crop Report of the Madras State

* 831 *Q.*—Sri S. LAZAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to State—

(*a*) when the Season and Crop Report of the Madras State for 1955–56 was got ready and circulated to Members of Legislature;

(*b*) the reasons for the delay; and

(*c*) whether there is any proposal by the Government to publish such reports during the year immediately following?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) The printed copies of the Season and Crop Report for 1955–56 were got ready for distribution in March 1958 and were supplied to the Members of the Legislature in batches by the first week of April 1958.

(*b*) the reasons for the delay are—

(i) The data required for the Report were not received by the Director of Statistics in time from the districts; and

(ii) There was delay in printing of the Report in the Government Press.

(*c*) The normal rule is that the Report should be published within six months after the close of the fasli and that rule will be followed by all means possible.

Hand-made paper

* 832 *Q.*—Sri A. VEDARATHNAM : கனம் உள்விவகார அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவு செய்து பதிலளிப்பாரா—

1958-ம் வருஷம் பிப்ரவரி மாதம் 10-ம் தேதி 22-ம் நம்பர் கேள்விக்கு அளித்த பதிலை அனுசரித்து கையினால் செய்யப்பட்டு வரும் காகிதத்தின் தரத்தை உயர்த்தி அதை கூடுதல் அளவு கிடைக்கச் செய்து அதை எல்லா அரசாங்க இலாக்காக்களிலும் உபயோகிப்பதற்கு அரசாங்கம் என்னென்ன நடவடிக்கைகள் எடுத்துக்கொண்டிருக்கிறார்கள்?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The quality of the handmade paper manufactured in the Government Handmade Paper Unit at Gandhigram and supplied for use in Government offices is quite satisfactory and up to the standard. There is a good demand for handmade paper in this State and it is proposed to increase the production capacity of the unit at Gandhigram from 5 to 10 reams a day. Two more departmental units, one at Shenbagaputhur in Coimbatore district and the other at Arapakkam in North Arcot district have been sanctioned and they will start functioning shortly. The Controller of Stationery and Printing has been permitted to place orders with the unit at Gandhigram, for the supply of 270 reams of paper during 1958–59 for use in Government offices. Orders for the supply of 25 reams of handmade paper every month have been received from the Khadi and Village Industries Commission, Bombay. The Controller of Stationery and Printing has also been permitted to purchase 260 reams of handmade paper from the pulp-making unit at Tanjore, for supply to Government offices. The Government have also ordered that only handmade paper should be used in the Department of Khadi.